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NOTICE.

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A V I S O.

Con motivo de la festividad del día de hoy no se publicará la "Gaceta oficial" del día de mañana 2 de Mayo.

PARTE OFICIAL

General Orders, } HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT
No. 84. } OF PUERTO RICO
San Juan, April 18th, 1900

In pursuance with the recommendations of the Advisory Board on Insular Policy and Affairs, the Judicial Board, and the Civil Secretary, the following is published to the end that the assets and liabilities of the former Provincial Deputation be disposed of and its affairs formally settled:

Whereas, by General Order, No. 17, series of 1898, these Headquarters, the body known as the "Diputación Provincial" of Porto Rico was discontinued and abolished, and the responsibilities theretofore devolving upon said body as well as the duties and public trusts performed by it, were distributed and assigned to different departments under the United States Military Government of Porto Rico, and in the execution and performance of the same the said Military Government has expended from the Insular Treasury, large sums of money for public purposes inuring to the benefit of the people of Porto Rico:

And Whereas, by said General Orders, Mr. Cayetano Coll y Toste, then Secretary of Finance, was made the Liquidator of the said "Diputación Provincial," and has rendered to the Military Governor a statement of his account as such from March 24, 1899, to March 24, 1900;

And Whereas, it is desired that all outstanding claims against the said "Diputación Provincial," shall be presented and disposed of as speedily as possible, and the debts due to said body shall be collected as promptly as existing conditions will permit;

It is hereby ordered:

I. That Mr. Cayetano Coll y Toste, the present Liquidator of the said "Diputación Provincial" shall turn over to the Treasurer of Porto Rico a complete list or schedule of all the buildings, and grounds, and personal property of every kind, including moneys and securities, pertaining to said "Diputación," and all accounts, vouchers, papers, and deeds or muniments of title relating thereto, and shall deposit with the Treasurer all moneys and securities now in his hands as such Liquidator.

II. In consideration of the responsibilities, duties, and trusts pertaining to the late "Diputación Provincial," which have been assumed and discharged by the United States Military Government of Porto Rico, all of the buildings and grounds constituting the real property formerly held by said "Diputación" and now held and controlled by the United States Military Government of Porto Rico, shall be held by the said Military Government and by its sucesor in perpetuity for the use and benefit of the people of Porto Rico, as public Insular property, free and discharged from all claims which may be set up in behalf of the said "Diputación Provincial," or the Liquidator thereof. The personal property formerly belonging to the said "Diputación," is hereby transferred to, and shall remain in the custody and control of the respective bureaus and departments to which the property has been assigned, for public use only.

III. A Commission is hereby constituted, to be

composed of Messrs. Rafael Nieto Abeillé, J. H. Hollander, and J. R. Garrison, to receive, hear, and decide upon all claims against the said late "Diputación Provincial," or arising out of contracts with that body, which may be presented to the said Commission within the period of six months from the date of this Order. All claims not presented within said time shall thereafter be forever barred. The Commission shall, within ten days after the promulgation of this Order, give notice by standing advertisement in the *Official Gazette* for not less than three months, and also by such other legal publication as they may deem advisable, of the manner and form in which such claims shall be prepared, and the officer to whom, and the place where, they shall be presented.

The members of this Commission will perform the duties hereby devolved upon them without other compensation than is now, or may hereafter be, allowed by law to them respectively.

IV. The Commission shall consider claims in the order in which they are filed, and their decision on each claim shall be in the form of a certificate setting forth the name and address of the claimant, the nature and character of the claim, and the amount allowed and awarded thereon, which certificate shall be transmitted to the Military Governor, or his successor, for approval. The certificate shall be signed by each member of the Commission, in case the decision of the Commission is unanimous; and if, in any case the decision be not unanimous, each member shall separately state his opinion; Provided, that in case of the removal or disability of one member of the Commission, the other two members shall proceed with the work assigned to the Commission until the vacancy shall have been filled.

V. Every award of the Commission, evidenced by a certificate signed by the members thereof, if approved by the Governor, shall be referred to the Auditor of the Island for settlement and payment by the Treasurer to the claimant, out of any Insular Revenues not otherwise appropriated, which are hereby made applicable to the payment of such claims, in consideration of the transfer of the real and personal property formerly belonging to the said "Diputación Provincial," to the United States Military Government of Porto Rico, and its successor, as Insular public property, for the use and benefit of the people of Porto Rico.

VI. In case any award of the Commission shall be disapproved by the Governor, or where the decision of the Commission is not unanimous, or where the claimant declines to accept the award of the Commission, the Certificate of the Commission, together with the claim and the evidence in support thereof, and all papers pertaining thereto, will be transmitted by the Governor to the District Court of San Juan, with such statement as the Governor shall desire to submit in the premises; and thereupon the said Court at the request of either party shall proceed to consider and determine the claim under the proceeding now in force, called "Contencioso-Administrativo," and render such decision thereon in the nature of a judgment; and where such judgment is in favor of the claimant and final, an attested transcript thereof shall be transmitted to the Auditor, through the Governor, for settlement and payment by the Treasurer in the manner aforesaid.

VII. All accounts and vouchers of the said Liquidator of the "Diputación Provincial" shall be at once submitted to the said Commission for appropriate action thereon, and for approval by the Commission in found satisfactory. After action by the Commission, such accounts and vouchers shall be transmitted to the Auditor of the Island for settlement. The Auditor, in his settlement of said accounts, shall take up the amount which has been advanced from the Insular Treasury to pay the proportion due by the "Diputación Provincial" on the contracts of Roque Paniagua and José Nieto, which were continued in force under

the United States Military Governor of Porto Rico, and also allow credit for the said proportion paid from the Insular Treasury to said Paniagua and Nieto, amounting \$10,912.03.

VIII. The Treasurer of Porto Rico shall collect and receive all debts and moneys due to the late "Diputación Provincial," depositing the same in the Insular Treasury, in the names of the parties or municipalities making payments, and issuing duplicate receipts therefor in the usual form.

The debts due by municipalities to the late "Diputación Provincial" shall be collected in installments, the time and the amount of such payments by installments to be fixed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Commission.

IX. The proceeds of taxes on matches and liquors collected under the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Orders, No. 176, series of 1899, these Headquarters, and which, under the provisions of paragraph 5 of said Order, are to be distributed quarterly among the municipalities of the Island in proportion to their population, shall not be paid to the so municipalities which are indebted to the late "Diputación Provincial," but shall be applied in payment of such indebtedness until the same shall be extinguished.

X. The Commission constituted by paragraph 3 of this Order, shall be authorized to employ such clerical force and incur such expenditures as may be necessary to the proper execution of the duties devolving upon it, the amount thereof not to exceed \$150.00 for the remainder of the present fiscal year, to be paid by the Treasurer as Special Disbursing Officer, upon estimates to be submitted with his requisitions.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVIS:

WM. E. ALMY,
Acting Adjutant General.

Ordenes Generales, } CUARTEL GENERAL.
No. 84. } Departamento de Puerto-Rico.
San Juan, April 18, 1900.

De acuerdo con lo dispuesto por las Juntas Consultiva y Judicial y el Secretario Civil, publicase la siguiente Orden relativa a la disposición del activo y pasivo de la extinguida Diputación Provincial y liquidación definitiva de los asuntos de la misma:

Por cuanto, en virtud de Ordenes Generales, No. 17, serie de 1898, de este Cuartel General, la Corporación denominada Diputación Provincial de Puerto-Rico dejó de existir, distribuyéndose las responsabilidades, obligaciones y cargos de dicho cuerpo, entre varios departamentos, bajo el Gobierno Militar de Puerto-Rico, y en el cumplimiento de este cometido, el Gobierno Militar ha invertido fuertes sumas de dinero procedentes del Tesoro Insular, para atenciones públicas y en beneficio del pueblo de Puerto-Rico;

Y por cuanto, en virtud de dichas Ordenes Generales, el Sr. Cayetano Coll y Toste, a la sazón Secretario de Hacienda, fué nombrado Liquidador de dicha Diputación provincial, y como tal presentó al Gobernador General un estado de sus cuentas, desde Marzo 24, 1899 a Marzo 24, 1900;

Y por cuanto, se desea que todos los créditos pendientes contra dicha Diputación Provincial sean presentados y satisfechos a la mayor brevedad posible, y que se hagan efectivas todas las deudas a favor de la misma, cuanto antes la actual situación lo permita;

Ordénase por la presente:

I. Que el Sr. Cayetano Coll y Toste, actual Liquidador de dicha Diputación Provincial, entregue en manos del Tesorero de Puerto-Rico una completa relación de todos los edificios y terrenos, y bienes muebles de todas clases, incluidos dineros y valores pertenecientes a dicha Diputación, así como todas las cuentas, comprobantes, documentos y escrituras ó títulos referentes a dichas propiedades, y deposite en manos del Tesorero todos los dineros y valores que obran en su poder como Liquidador.